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SUBJECT: LIBYAN DANGER ZONES

REF: USNATO 1858 (NOTAL)

1. FONMINISTRY (DA RIN) HAS AGAIN RAISED QUESTION OF LIBYAN DANGER ZONES. CITING DRAFT INTERNATIONAL STAFF REPORT ON MED (DISCUSSED IN REFTEL) AND ITS BLAND TREATMENT OF SUBJECT OF DANGER ZONES, HE EXPRESSED SOME BEWILDERMENT AS TO WHY THE US HAS BEEN FAIRLY FORTHCOMING AND BLUNT ON LIBYAN RESTRICTED ZONE PROBLEM AND HAS BEEN SO RETICENT ON DANGER ZONES. HE OBSERVED THAT "PERPETUITY" ASPECT OF LATTER IS JUST AS UNACCEPTABLE UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW AS ESTABLISHMENT OF RESTRICTED AREAS OVER INTERNATIONAL HIGH SEAS. HE FINDS OUR POSITION ON THIS ALL THE MORE INCONGRUOUS SINCE IT IS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT MARCH 21 C-130 INCIDENT TOOK PLACE IN A LIBYAN DANGER ZONE AND NOT THE RESTRICTED ZONE.

2. DA RIN SAID FONOFF IS NOW PREPARING ITS COMMENTS ON DRAFT MED
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REPORT, AND IMPLIED THAT IF A SOUND RATIONALE FOR NOT AGGRESSIVELY PURSUING THE DANGER ZONE PROBLEM COULD BE SET FORTH BY THE US, THE ITALIANS WOULD NOT PURSUE THE MATTER FURTHER.

3. FROM OUR LIMITED PERSPECTIVE, THE ITALIAN POSITION APPEARS REASONABLE. WE WOULD HOPE THEREFORE THAT OUR CURRENT THINKING ON THE MATTER COULD BE PROVIDED THE FONOFF BEFORE ITS POSITION ON THE DRAFT MED REPORT IS SET IN CONCRETE. BEAUDRY

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